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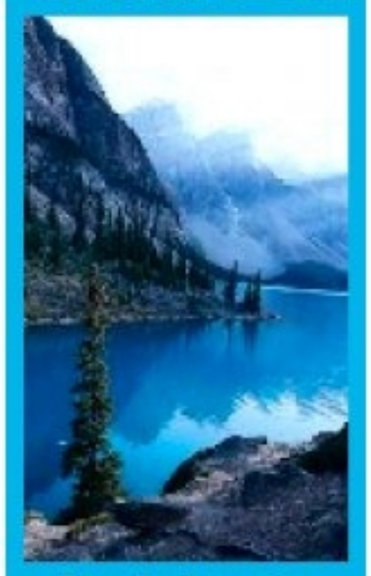

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Speeding up road safety rollout

TRAFFIC

But more spending may be needed: Councillor

Luke Simcoe
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The city is looking to accelerate the rollout of its $80 million road safety plan as the death toll on Toronto streets continues to rise.

Between now and the end of the year, the city will reduce speed limits along 14 "pedestrian corridors," redesign 14 intersections to reduce turning speeds and shorten crosswalk distances, install 79 red light cameras across the city and improve road markings at 317 locations, Coun. Jaye Robinson said Thursday

She made the comments while standing at Dundas and River, where a number of improvements related to the safety plan are underway.

The Ward 25 councillor reiterated Toronto is "fully committed to Vision Zero" and said she was alarmed by the number of fatalities and serious injuries that have occurred this year.

Sixty-five people have been killed in traffic collisions, including 36 pedestrians.

The number has already surpassed last year's fatalities, with two of the historically most deadly months still to come.

More spending on the road safety plan may be needed if "the trend continues going the wrong way," Robinson said.

A number of pedestrian safety advocates say Robinson's comments are at odds with Mayor John Tory's push to reduce vehicle congestion in the city.

"There's an insoluble tension between getting traffic moving more quickly and road safety," said Walk Toronto's Maureen Coyle.

If the city was truly committed to Vision Zero, Coyle said it would start by lowering default speed limits city wide, like New York did when it overhauled its safety strategy in 2014.

Critics point to Eglinton Avenue as an example. Eight pedestrians have been killed along the street this year, but the new road safety plan leaves the 60 km/h speed limit intact.

Roger Browne, Toronto's head of traffic safety, said the city is working with Metrolinx to incorporate safety improvements along Eglinton while the Crosstown LRT is under construction.

He wouldn't say if lower speed limits would be among the changes.

+ PEDESTRIANS

Distracted walking

When asked what the city is doing about distracted driving, Robinson agreed it's a problem but also stressed the need to combat "distracted walking."

"You hear about that a lot," the councillor said.

However, advocates have repeatedly pointed out that data suggests distracted walking is not a significant factor in fatal collisions.

A 2015 report from Toronto Public Health noted only 13 per cent of pedestrians were "inattentive" at the time of a collision.

The Ontario Provincial Police have investigated at least 38 road fatalities this year related to distracted driving.

The improvements

The City of Toronto has identified the intersection of Dundas and River streets as a "hotspot" for traffic fatalities and serious injuries. In the past 10 years, there have been 17 t-bone crashes between vehicles, 11 crashes between cars and cyclists and eight crashes involving pedestrians, one of which was fatal. Roger Browne, Toronto's head of traffic safety, says the city has "thrown the kitchen sink" at the intersection to improve safety. Here's what's being done:

1 Signals — Traffic signals at the intersection have been re-timed to allow pedestrians more time to cross. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

2 Accessibility — The city has installed tactile plates on the curb cuts to assist pedestrians with visual impairments. Audible accessible crosswalk signals will be installed by the end of the year. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

3 Speed limits — The entire Dundas Street corridor through downtown has been designated as pedestrian priority zone, meaning the speed limit has been reduced from 50 km/h to 40 km/h. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

4 Cameras — These are designed to discourage drivers from running through amber lights and decrease the risk of t-bone crashes, which are more likely to lead to fatalities and serious injuries. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

5 Slip lane — One of the most significant changes is the removal of this feature — which separated the turn lane on the southeast corner from other traffic. The change will force drivers to slow down before turning. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

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Condo prices soaring

HOUSING

Average cost of single bedroom unit increases by 7.2 per cent

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A one-bedroom condo of one's own? Try $1,777 a month, Toronto.

The average price for such a cozy space has shot up 7.2 per cent from the same time last year, according to a new report from the Toronto Real Estate Board.

If you need more space than that, a two-bedroom condo now averages about $2,219, almost eight per cent more than the same period in 2015.

The high prices won't come as a surprise to many Torontonians struggling to find affordable places to live — something that's getting harder and harder to eke out in the city.

A new report from the Toronto Real Estate Board shows the average rental price for a one-bedroom condo in Toronto is up 7.2 per cent from the same time in 2015. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

"Not unlike what we've seen in the home ownership market we've also seen a tightening in the rental market as well," said Jason Mercer, director of market analysis at the Toronto Real Estate Board.

It's partly due to the fact that fewer condo projects were completed during the third quarter of 2016, compared to last year, he said.

It's hard to say if the increase in rents will continue, Mercer added.

If there's an "uptick" in completed new buildings next year it could help ease prices somewhat, but everything could be complicated by the new federal mortgage regulations, he said.

The "jury is still out" on the impact those rules will have.

But, they could cause some would-be first-time buyers to stay in the rental market, Mercer said.

"Either way could see an increase in demand, or you could see not as much turnover in rental stock because people stay put."

17%

The number of condo units listed also dropped by just over 17 per cent compared to the same period last year, the report notes.

INVESTORS

Foreign buyers in minority

Concerns about foreign investors snapping up real estate have dominated headlines recently, but a new report suggests domestic investors outnumber foreign buyers in the Greater Toronto Area's new condo market 10-to-one.

Toronto condo research firm Urbanation says foreign buyers, whose primary residence is outside of Canada, made up only five per cent of the sales of new units in condo buildings that were under development between July and September.

Meanwhile, domestic investors — those whose primary residence is in Canada but who don't plan on living in the unit — made up 52 per cent of the sales.

The remaining 43 per cent of new condos sold around Toronto went to locals who plan to live in the properties, the firm said.

"The results of this very important survey show a rather limited role of foreign buyers in the GTA new condo market," said Shaun Hildebrand, Urbanation's senior vice-president.

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Supporters of light rail want route change

Having won the lengthy political battle over the controversial Scarborough subway extension, some proponents of the transit project now want to change its route.

Coun. Glenn De Baeremaeker and Liberal MPP Brad Duguid are asking city planners to study an alternate alignment for the one-stop extension. They argue the new route, which has the backing of a local community group, could reduce traffic disruptions and eliminate the need to expropriate property to build the subway.

Critics say that the new subway path, which would be roughly 280 metres longer than the alignment preferred by city planning staff, would be more expensive, may not be feasible, and studying it could delay the subway project. But De Baeremaeker described it as a "viable, reasonable option."

De Baeremaeker said residents who support the plan "are people who actually know the area better than the engineers who are drawing on a computer from A to B."

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WE MOVE YOU ORGANIZATION SAYS TTC'S BALLET PROJECT PROMOTES 'UNREALISTIC' BODY IMAGE The TTC's new promotional partnership with the National Ballet — dubbed We Move You — is drawing criticism from one organization that says it perpetuates "unrealistic and highly regimented bodies as some sort of an ideal of 'beauty.'" The campaign, which launched Thursday, shows dancers in photos and online videos dancing and posing in subway stations, on streetcars and in buses. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE; PHOTOS: CONTRIBUTED

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First baseball, now soccer: Toronto sports are in the spotlight with Toronto FC in the playoffs. The club takes on New York City FC in a two-legged conference semifinal Sunday on home turf. You'll be hearing a lot about the beautiful game. Here's what you need to know about the banter.

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HOW IT WORKS

- Unlike basketball, baseball or hockey, the Major League Soccer playoffs don't include a series of games between teams.
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- Winners of the two conferences face off Dec. 10 in the winner-take-all MLS Cup game, which is hosted by the team with the better record.

Toronto FC defender Nick Hagglund, right, celebrates Jozy Altidore's goal as the team wins their first-ever home playoff game 3-1 against the Philadelphia Union at BMO Field in Toronto.
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TORONTO NAMES TO KNOW

Michael Bradley
Team captain Michael Bradley has scored five goals and assisted on three this season. You might also know him as captain of American men's national team.

Sebastian Giovinco
Scoring machine Sebastian Giovinco, a.k.a. "The Atomic Ant" (5 ft. 4 in., 130 lbs.), has racked up 23 goals this season. With a $7 million paycheque, he's the highest paid player in MLS.

Jozy Altidore
Also a member of Team USA, Jozy Altidore is another player to watch on the Toronto roster. He's the only American player to have scored for his country in five consecutive games.

NEW YORK NAMES TO KNOW

New York City FC finished the regular season in second place thanks in no small measure to a host of veteran players. These are some of the players who may still cause a lot of trouble:

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Family shares pain to save lives

PUBLIC HEALTH

Campaign to raise flu vaccine awareness after toddler's death

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One afternoon last May, Jill Promoli put her son Jude down for a nap beside his twin brother, Thomas.

It was the last time she ever saw him alive.

Her "hilarious" toddler, who loved blocks and robots, died of the flu that day.

"It made no sense to me because it's something so preventable," said Promoli, who learned the cause of death four months later from an autopsy report.

"Here was this perfectly healthy two-year-old with no health issues at all," she said. "He was perfect, and in a matter of hours he was gone."

Jude and his siblings had gotten the flu shot. But Promoli wonders what would have happened if more people in the GTA had done the same.

Now, she's started a new social media campaign urging people to do just that using the hashtag #forjudeforeveryone.

It's not about pointing fingers but starting a conversation, said the 33-year-old Mississauga photographer.

Jude's mom Jill Promoli is encouraging people to share photos of themselves getting the flu shot on social media, and asking them to do other practical things to prevent the virus like staying home when they're sick and washing their hands. COURTESY JILL PROMOLI

The campaign, launched last week, coincides with the start of Toronto Public Health's free flu shot clinics across the city.

This year's shot reduces your chances of getting the flu by about half, said Dr. Barbara Yaffe, Toronto's acting medical officer of health.

Even if you might not be knocked off your feet by a bout with the virus, Jaffe recommends "virtually everyone" get the vaccine so that more vulnerable people, like young children and the elderly, are protected.

"I would say it's rarer to have a child die, but, obviously, it happens," Jaffe said. "It's a terrible tragedy when it happens and it's preventable."

Promoli, who used to stare at her toddler and wonder about what kind of person he would become, hopes that by telling her story fewer families will wind up like hers.

"It seems like such a pointless reason for this beautiful child to be gone," she said.

3,500

The number of people in Canada who die of the flu every year. Young children and the elderly are especially vulnerable. SOURCE: 2014 STATISTICS CANADA DATA

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The percentage of Torontonians 12 and older who reported they had the flu shot in the last year. The national average is 32.5 per cent. SOURCE: 2014 STATISTICS CANADA DATA

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Poke: the new food craze

FOOD

Traditional Hawaiian food comes to town

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

A few months ago, there was no such thing as a Poke restaurant in Toronto. Now, there are at least 10.

The Hawaiian dish, referred to by some as "deconstructed sushi" is undeniably Toronto's new food trend. Eateries serving heaping bowls of rice, veggies and raw fish have popped up from Queen Street to Bloor and everywhere in between.

"It's like a tsunami wave that just hit the city," said Roxanne Tsui, co-owner of Pokito at 420 Queen St. W.

Pokito just opened in September, and Tsui said business is already booming.

"I think the city has been really receptive to new things in general, especially food trends," she said.

Johnny Chan, co-owner of Poke Guys on Elizabeth Street, behind City Hall, agrees.

"There's a lot of hype for Poke right now," he said. "People are flocking to it."

Poke originates in Hawaii as a traditional local dish. However, in the late 1990s, chef Sam Choy helped popularize Hawaiian cuisine, and Poke made its way across the Pacific to the U.S. and beyond.

Daniel Bender, a food historian at the University of Toronto, said Poke is a "classic example of fusion food" that's been shaped by everything from immigration to tourism and even war.

The long-standing presence of U.S. military bases in Hawaii means Spam — the canned meat used as rations for soldiers — can be found in certain Poke dishes.

"Spam: the great food of the American empire," Bender joked.

Bender has yet to try Poke in Toronto, but he encouraged foodies to give it a go.

"Eat the food, but think of it as a dialogue," he said. "Peel back the layers and find the traces of the U.S. military, of tourism culture, of the workers who came to Hawaii from Japan and China to cut cane or can pineapple, and even the expectations we have of Polynesia."

Mike Ramos shows off a tuna-and-salmon burrito and a Pokito Plastic Tuna on Thursday.
EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

CRAVE T.O.

Poke week coming soon

If you're a Poke fanatic or a first-timer, you can get your fill of the Hawaiian dish during the upcoming Poke week. Sponsored by Crave T.O., the event takes place Nov. 7-13.

For $15, people can get a Poke passport and sample dishes at many of the city's Poke restaurants for only $5.

IN BRIEF

Man charged after 13 live grenades found at a home

A man has been arrested after 13 grenades and a firearm were located in a home in Dorset Park, Wednesday evening, Toronto Police confirm. Around 10 p.m., several houses were evacuated after officers located the weapons at a home on Canlish Rd. near Lawrence Ave. E. and Birchmount Rd. while conducting a criminal code search warrant.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Police investigate after car plunges into harbour

Police were on the scene Thursday evening after a car plunged off a bridge into the Toronto Harbour Shipping Channel on Thursday afternoon.

Emergency response units believed at the time that there may have been a person or people trapped inside the car. Police had not been able to locate the vehicle in the water for close to two hours, and believed visibility and depth of the water were factors in the time it took.

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Our readers' pumpkin perfection

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During our last #MetroArtsChallenge, you proved you are poets, even if you didn't know it.

This time we asked you to embrace the spooky season.

A few creative readers responded to our call to "squash your city" and created amazing, evocative Toronto-themed jack-o'-lanterns.

From a rockin' portrait of Drake dancing to Raptors love and CN-tower eating pumpkins (scary), we were impressed, as usual. This time we're asking you to tell us about your life, using a mode of communication that you use all the time, but maybe don't think of as art.

YOUR NEXT CHALLENGE

How has your day been going? Tell us a story all about it, but **only using emojis**. Take a screenshot and send it to **genna.buck@metronews.ca,** or tweet with the hashtag **#MetroArtsChallenge.**

CHALLENGE WINNER

This is an instantly recognizable image of Toronto's own Drake dancing to Hotline Bling. We are in awe of your talent, **Fedy Sciori.** Bravo!

RUNNERS-UP

Sisters **Aileen Luo, 11, and Stephanie Luo,** 8, made these pumpkins wearing and/or eating other pumpkins, featuring the CN tower. Well done girls.

THIRD PLACE

Way to show your Raptors pride, **Aswen Chandraraj.**

CRIME 'TRAGIC BEYOND BELIEF' Terry Miller, centre, holds pictures of her children Catie Miller and Christopher Miller as her husband Dr. John Miller, left, speaks to the media outside the Halifax courtroom where his daughter's murderers were sentenced to life in prison. Catie Miller, 29, was confined in the trunk of a car for hours before her brutal murder and dismemberment in a crime described by Justice Patrick Duncan as "cold and heinous." "This is tragic beyond belief," Miller said.
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Sponsored refugees fare better: Review

IMMIGRATION

65 per cent of government-assisted refugees use food banks

Refugees sponsored by community groups do better than government-assisted ones with fewer relying on food banks and social assistance, an evaluation of Canada's much heralded resettlement program shows.

Some 65 per cent of government-assisted refugees reported using food banks, compared to only 29 per cent of their privately sponsored counterparts, according to the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada report released this week.

Five years after their arrival, 41 per cent of government-assisted refugees relied on social assistance, compared to just 28 per cent among those sponsored by private groups. While six out of 10 of the former were employed within five years, the rate went up to 7 out of 10 for their privately sponsored peers.

The relative success of privately sponsored refugees is bolstered, in part, by the stability and guidance offered by relatives or sponsorship groups, advocates say.

Janet Dench, executive director of the Canadian Council for Refugees, said she was not surprised with the findings.

> **There is a lot of energy, opportunity and availability.**
> Janet Dench

"Privately-sponsored refugees usually have family members in Canada for support and they are not selected for their vulnerability like the GARs (government-assisted refugees) are," she explained.

The internal review examined all aspects of the refugee resettlement programs — government-assisted, private sponsorship, the blended-visa program, which is a blend of the two, and the resettlement assistance program — between 2010 and 2015, before Ottawa opened its doors to 31,000 Syrian refugees in December.

During the period, a total of 49,516 refugees were resettled in Canada, 53 per cent of them under the government-assisted program, 46 per cent sponsored by private community groups and just one per cent under the blended-visa program.

Thirty-nine per cent of government-assisted refugees were children, compared to 30 per cent among their privately-sponsored counterparts.

"There are a lot of groups that want to do private sponsorships as a result of the Syrian resettlement efforts. There is a lot of energy, opportunity and availability. If the government does not make it more responsive to these groups, we are going to lose them," said Dench.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

POLITICS

New bi-partisan senators chosen

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has named nine new, non-partisan senators, bringing him within reach of his goal to transform the discredited Senate into a more reputable, independent chamber of sober second thought.

The five women and four men hail from a wide variety of backgrounds, from an art historian to a renowned human rights lawyer to a conservationist. All will sit as independents in the Senate.

They are the first senators to be chosen under an arm's-length process that saw more than 2,700 people apply to fill the 21 vacancies in the 105-seat upper house.

Trudeau is poised to announce two more batches of appointments within days, filling the remaining 12 empty seats — six from Quebec, six from Ontario — and, for the first time, putting senators with no partisan affiliation in the driver's seat.

When he's done, independent senators will hold a plurality of 44 seats, outnumbering the Conservatives' 40 and the independent Liberals' 21.

Trudeau called the appointment process "merit based and open."

"It is part of our ongoing efforts to make the Senate more modern and independent and ensure that its members have the depth of knowledge and experience to best serve Canadians," he said in a statement Thursday.

But while a premium is supposed to be put on merit, the new process does not preclude people who've been involved in partisan politics.

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EU TRADE DEAL

Minister urges caution
International Trade Minister Chrystia Freeland sounded a cautionary note Thursday after an apparent European breakthrough in the Canada-EU free trade saga, saying every agreement has "exit provisions."

"This morning, we absolutely had a positive development; there are still many steps to be taken," Freeland said hours after an agreement between Belgium and holdout region Wallonia. THE CANADIAN PRESS

RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

Supreme Court to decide if stories can be shredded

The future of the often heart-rending stories told by survivors of Canada's residential schools will be decided by the country's top court.

The Supreme Court of Canada said Thursday it would hear the federal government's appeal of a decision that the highly personal accounts should be destroyed after 15 years — unless the individuals decide otherwise. The court also ruled Inuit representatives can take part in the case.

The federal government sought leave to appeal to the Supreme Court, arguing it controls the documents and that they are subject to legislation related to privacy, access to information, and archiving.

The documents at issue relate to compensation claims made by as many as 30,000 survivors of Indian residential schools — many disturbing accounts of sexual, physical and psychological abuse.

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School attack 'the deadliest of its kind'

SYRIA

Airstrikes could possibly be war crime: Ban Ki-moon

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon called on Thursday for an immediate investigation of an attack on a school in Syria's Idlib province that the UN's children's agency is calling one of the deadliest of its kind in the country's six-year war.

UNICEF raised its toll for Wednesday's attack to 28 dead, among them 22 children and six teachers.

Ban said in a statement that the attack, carried out against rebel-held territory, may amount to a war crime if found to be deliberate.

"If such horrific acts persist despite global outrage, it is largely because their authors, whether in corridors of power or in insurgent redoubts, do not fear justice. They must be proved wrong," he said.

Witnesses said overhead jets targeted the school in the town of Hass as many as 10 times, around midday Wednesday. Opposition activists blamed the strikes on Russian and government planes.

Idlib is the main Syrian opposition stronghold, though radical militant groups also have a large presence there. It has regularly been hit by Syrian and Russian warplanes as well as the U.S.-led coalition targeting Daesh militants.

The Russian military denied responsibility, calling the accusations a "sham."

Russian Defence Ministry spokesman Maj. Gen. Igor Konashenkov said a Russian drone flew over the school building Thursday and found its roof intact and no bomb craters around it.

Russian warplanes didn't fly over the area the previous day, Konashenkov said.

The Syrian Civil Defence first responders team said on Thursday that the airstrikes killed at least 35 people, mostly children.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said 15 students were killed, as well as four teachers and three other women. It was not immediately possible to reconcile the separate figures, but divergent death tolls are not uncommon in a conflict-torn Syria that has been largely inaccessible to international media for over two years.

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Frame grab from video of children being pulled by an adult after airstrikes in Hass, Syria, on Wednesday.

MUAZ AL-SHAMI/SYRIAN REVOLUTION NETWORK VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOSUL

Iraqi forces uncover tunnels, bomb factory

Iraqi forces explored a network of tunnels and uncovered a bomb-making facility on Thursday in a village near Mosul that was recently retaken from Daesh, offering a glimpse of the challenge they will face as they move closer to the city.

Ten days into the offensive, the special forces are still at least six kilometres east of the city and have faced stiff resistance, with Daesh firing mortars and machine-guns.

During cleanup operations in the area of Tob Zawa, special forces Brig. Gen. Haider Fadhil's men found a tire shop that had been converted into a factory for making roadside bombs and attaching armour to vehicles.

They also found a tunnel equipped with fans and lights that ran from beneath a mosque out to a road. Iraqi forces have found extensive tunneling networks in areas retaken from Daesh, which the militants used to elude U.S.-led coalition warplanes.

Many fear Daesh may resort to more brutal tactics as the forces converge on the city, which is still home to more than a million people.

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U.S.

Mississippi teen fearful after noose incident

A black 15-year-old in Mississippi shook in fear as he described how white schoolmates put a noose around his neck and pulled it tight, his mother said Thursday.

Stacey Payton, 47, told The Associated Press when her son met her in her office and told her about the Oct. 13 incident a few hours after it happened in a high school locker room, it was as though "a chill" went over her body.

The Stone County Sheriff's Department is investigating. Mississippi NAACP President Derrick Johnson is calling for federal authorities to investigate a possible hate crime. The FBI said it is aware of the incident.

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Welcome to America the Cliché

Rosemary Westwood relocates from Canada to the United States in the midst of the most unusual presidential election ever. She chronicles her observations in a weekly column for Metro.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
From the U.S.

Robert Burck, known as the 'Naked Cowboy,' antagonizes protestors as they rally against Donald Trump during a 'Nasty Women Protest' outside of Trump Tower on Fifth Avenue in New York City. GETTY IMAGES

It couldn't have been a more clichéd start to a new life in the U.S.A.

At the Detroit border between the U.S. and Canada, waiting in a small grey room for my immigration paperwork to be processed while border officers rummaged through the U-Haul truck, there were the usual markers that you're in America now, baby: A large, framed photo of the president, a series of beefy, mostly white male guards in buzzcuts, an array of bald-eagle images, and a mostly non-white group of travellers chosen for extra scrutiny.

But also this: An alleged instance of racial profiling. A tense encounter between a black man, who was saying he'd been stopped for more questioning at the border 10 times in a row, and officers, who said the man was "resisting."

"That's what's wrong," one guard said, shaking his head. "It's happening all over the country. It's not disrespectful to obey the commands of an officer."

I heard voices and scuffles, and when the black man came out into the waiting area, his white hightops were undone. "They broke my watch," he told his girlfriend, slumping into a chair beside her.

Another white guard tried to smooth things over: "I just want to make sure you understand what this is about."

"Oh, I know what this is about," the black man said.

But I never saw how it ended. A guard processed my visa paperwork, and I was officially living in America, making my debut in the lattice-work crisscross of southeastern Michigan's four-lane freeways.

Then came the second cliché. In the middle of the night, in a Dearborn, Mich. hotel, I heard gunshots. Pop-pop. Pop-pop-pop-pop. I shook my fiancé awake, terrified. There was screaming, too many voices to count, and as they grew louder and closer I pushed both of us off the bed, dragging the blankets, to hide behind a wall. We waited. The sounds dimmed. There were no sirens.

The next morning, joking that I had "saved us," and skeptical that I'd heard what I thought I'd heard, I asked the front desk guy. He frowned. "Yeah," he said. "Sorry."

"We haven't had a shooting for four years," he assured us. The night security guard had left the left the premises earlier in the evening, he said, because — what else — his sister had been shot. The shooting we'd heard occurred later, outside the hotel lobby. "They called the cops, but they never came." About that last fact, he was apologetic but unsurprised.

And that began our three-day road trip through seven U.S. states, two of them battlegrounds between Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump — Michigan, where polls show Clinton in the lead, and Ohio, closer to tied — and five of them redder than Trump in a rage: Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana.

At the Nashville BBQ joint where we ate our weight in smoked meat, the admonishments posted on the wall included "No swearing" and "God bless the South."

Driving through Alabama, one radio announcer boasted: "Tune in every morning for the latest news in the culture wars."

When we got to New Orleans, one neighbour had been keeping a lookout for the truck, and hurried over to help us unload. "All right, now?" he asked and smiled. "You made it."

Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton, accompanied by first lady Michelle Obama, during a campaign rally in Winston-Salem, N.C. CHUCK BURTON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DEMOCRATIC CAMPAIGN

'Hillary Clinton is my friend'

As first ladies they could hardly have been more different. But as Democrats looking to fire up female voters, Michelle Obama and Hillary Clinton were firmly bonded on Thursday.

In their first joint appearance on the campaign trail, Mrs. Obama and Clinton talked up their shared respect, common values and singular goal: Defeating Republican Donald Trump. They papered over a somewhat rocky history and their vastly different paths through public life.

With Mrs. Obama aiming to secure her husband's legacy and Clinton needing to propel women to the polls, the two women sought to celebrate their political marriage of mutual interest, and reassure voters it's real.

"Seriously, is there anyone more inspiring than Michelle Obama?" Clinton asked, as a crowd in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, answered with cheers. Mrs. Obama declared the feeling mutual. She referred to Clinton as "my girl" and offered reassurance that her testimony for Clinton is both personal and political.

Since she's emerged as Clinton's headline-grabbing surrogate, people wonder one thing, Mrs. Obama noted.

"Yes, Hillary Clinton is my friend," she answered.

Acknowledging her reluctance in the political spotlight, Mrs. Obama said, "I would not be here" if she didn't believe so strongly Clinton would be a president she would trust.

"I believe with all of my heart that Hillary Clinton will be that president," she said.

Mrs. Obama's appearances have become a key part of Clinton's effort to fire up women — particularly black women. And Democrats have relished Mrs. Obama's speeches as high points of the campaign cycle.

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Thanks to a prosthetic arm and brain-implanted sensors (really), a man who has been paralyzed for a decade regained feeling in his 'fingers'

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SEEING SOMETHING TOTALLY NEW

Aside from dusty old surgical samples, until this year no scientist had ever seen the early human development that takes place between approximately seven and 14 days after fertilization. The embryo is burrowed into the mother's body, hidden from view. **Now technology is letting us peer into the process, in real time, for the first time.**

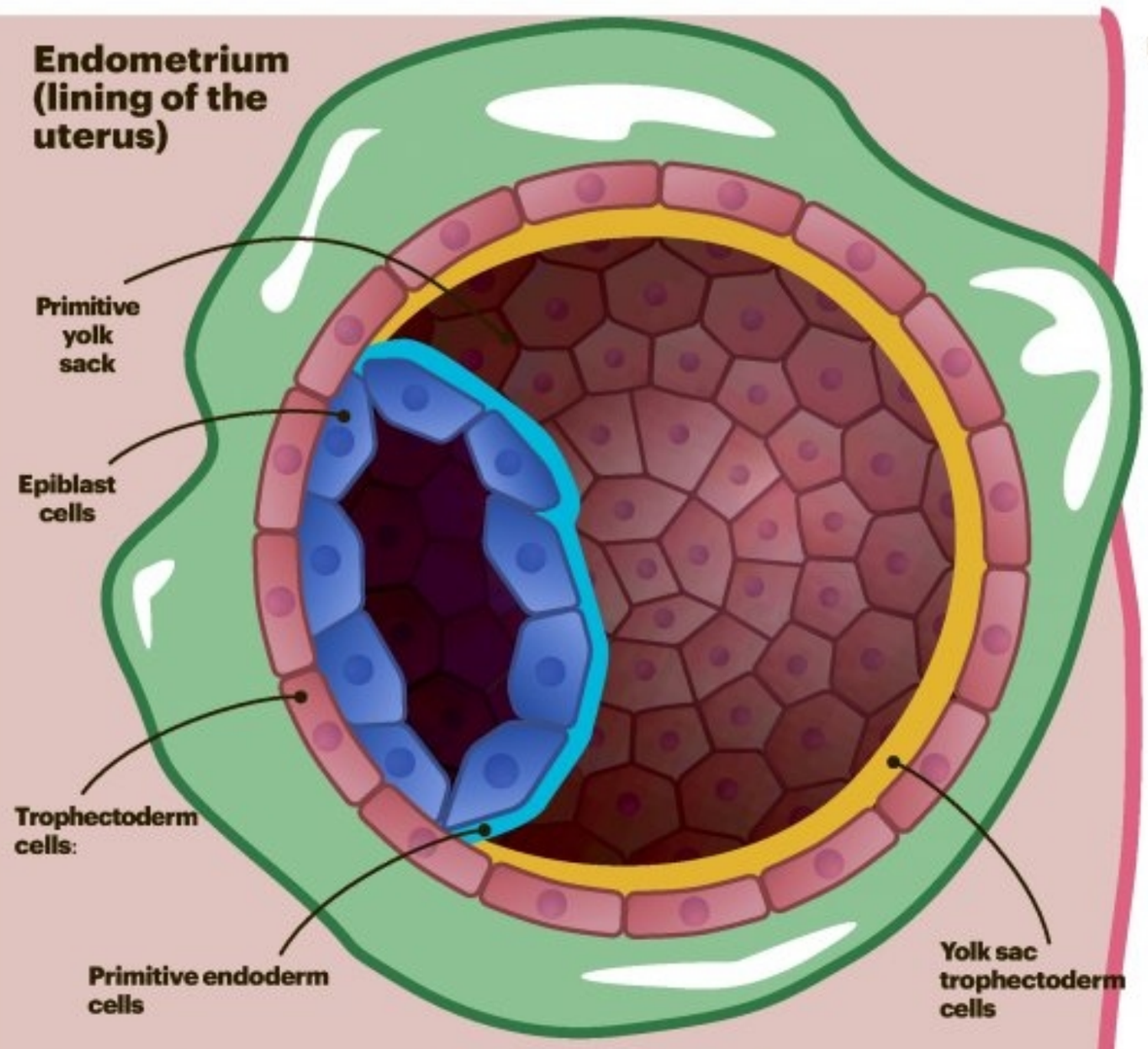
WHAT WE LEARNED

Using stem cells donated by fertility clinics, two groups of scientists, one in the U.K. and one in the U.S., have grown human embryos for up to 12-13 days in the lab. (Usually, the embryo latches on to the mother around day seven). **Here's what surprised them most**, according to scientist Gist Croft, a member of the U.S. team.

1. Failure is **really** built into the process: about 80 per cent of embryos are not viable.

2. Early embryos are amazingly **self-organizing**. It was previously thought they required input (like hormone signals) from the mother to grow and arrange into a complex shape. But they do this all on their own.

3. Researchers discovered what they think is a **brand new cell type**, which they dubbed **yolk sac trophectoderm cells**. Even more crazy: Though scientists don't yet know exactly what they do, these cells seem to express genes from all three of the other main embryo cell types, meaning they could have an important role in future stem-cell science.



Epiblast cells: Become the body
Primitive endoderm cells: Become the amniotic membranes
Trophectoderm cells: Become the placenta

Primitive yolk sac: A structure that nourishes the developing fetus
Yolk sac trophectoderm cells: A newly discovered cell type that lines the yolk sac

Blastocyst: What the less than one-millimetre embryo is called at this phase. After nine weeks, doctors start calling it a **fetus**

CITIZEN SCIENTIST by Genna Buck

How far can we forecast weather?

I've heard it's going to be a really cold winter. How do we know that? - Luke, Halifax

I put your question to Greg West, a climate researcher at UBC.

Using satellite data, information about climate oscillations like El Nino and La Nina and arctic sea-ice extent, Environment Canada and the U.S. climate prediction centre can forecast whether the next three months will be above, below, or at normal temperatures with 50 to 70 per cent accuracy, West said. For precipitation, it's zero to 40 per cent. It's a La Nina year here, so we can (probably) expect a cold, snowy winter counteracted in part by the long-term warming trend, West said.

"For day-to-day temperature forecasts, we're more skillful than a random guess out to about ten days," he said. "For precipitation, it's more like seven."

So, anyone who says they can make a specific forecast farther out than that either has information top meteorologists don't, or is full of it.

Predicting the future of chaotic systems is inherently a really hard thing to do, and climate change is making it even more complicated. Long-range forecasts are described relative to historical averages. But when the past 30 years have been nothing but superstorms, polar vortexes and sinking sea ice, averages don't tell you much.

Can we talk about those "farmer's almanac" type of publications for a minute? Some of them claim to have a "scientific" "secret formula" that can predict the year's weather with 80 per cent accuracy.

Generally, scientists don't keep secrets. They publish their data and methods in detail. Whenever some company or person claims to have a tool that is both scientific and proprietary, it's good to stop and ask yourself whether their secrecy is protecting a legitimate commercial interest, or if it's just a cover for BS and bias.

Science Question?
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NASA

MOONS OVER URANUS
Researchers re-analyzing 1986 data found odd, periodic disturbances in Uranus's rings that suggest the icy planet has two very small moons orbiting near its surface.

ZERO CREDIBILITY
Canadian Gaétan Dugas, the "Patient Zero" blamed for spreading HIV in North America, was no more responsible than hundreds of others who came down with AIDS in the early 1980s, a new study shows. But the myth persisted, in part, possibly, because in an early study, people misread the letter O (for "out-of-state"), as a zero.

SOUND SMART

DEFINITION
Gastrulation is a developmental process in complex animals (like us!) that happens when the embryo (at this point a hollow blob of cells) folds in on itself and reorganizes into three layers. These **germ layers** each give rise to a specific group of organs.

USE IT IN A SENTENCE
Biologist Lewis Wolpert once quipped, "It is not birth, marriage, or death, but **gastrulation**, which is truly the most important time in your life."

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The fraught relationship of faith and film

Inferno, starring Tom Hanks, sidesteps the religious controversy with a tale of a deadly virus that threatens all of humanity, but the other Dan Brown films have made film and religion an uncomfortable pairing. CONTRIBUTED

INFERNO

Da Vinci Code franchise just latest member of controversy club

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

This weekend professor of religious iconology and symbology Robert Langdon (Tom Hanks) returns to theatres in Inferno, the third movie in the Da Vinci Code franchise.

In 2006, the fictional Harvard prof made his big screen debut, uncovering the complicated personal life of Jesus Christ in The Da Vinci Code. Three years later he used his knowledge of symbology to unravel the mystery of a secret brotherhood called the Illuminati and thwart a terrorist act against the Vatican.

In between those two movies I received dozens of outraged emails, long tracts regarding Dan Brown's books, the upcoming movie, The Illuminati and the veracity of the stories.

In response to the folks who contacted me, concerned the film, which had not been released yet, would be a dangerous piece of anti-Catholic propaganda, I wrote a forward to my Angels and Demons review, pointing letter writers toward the Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano. They described Angels and Demons as "harmless entertainment which hardly affects the genius and mystery of Christianity."

Their review noted it is filled with historical inaccuracies but went on to suggest that one could make a game of pointing out all of the film's historical mistakes. In other words, don't take it seriously and you'll have a good time. Despite the Vatican newspaper's warm embrace, the film still ignited a firestorm of criticism from people upset about the story's alleged anti-Catholic sentiments.

Inferno sidesteps religious controversy with a tale of a deadly virus that threatens all of humanity, but cinema and religion have often made for uncomfortable pairings. In 1999 the Catholic League denounced Dogma's tale of two fallen angels (Ben Affleck and Matt Damon) trying to get back into heaven as "blasphemy." More recently, uproar erupted over Darren Aronofsky's unorthodox take on the story of Noah. Jerry Johnson, president of the National Religious Broadcasters, loudly objected to the film's "insertion of the extremist environmental agenda."

Perhaps the most controversial religious film ever was The Devils, based on Aldous Huxley's nonfiction book The Devils of Loudun. Years before Ken Russell made the movie, a filmmaker approached Huxley wanting to turn the story of a radical 17th century French Catholic priest accused of witchcraft and burned at the stake, into a film. Huxley said, 'Don't do it.'

He thought there was no way the story could be presented in an entertaining way without short-circuiting people's minds. Turns out maybe he was right.

Forty-five years after its release Russell's film is little seen but much talked about. Banned, censored and still unavailable in its complete form on Blu-Ray, the movie's graphic church orgy offended many — and was cut and removed by censors — but it's more than shock and titillation.

It's a film that makes a serious statement about the struggle between church and state but does so in an entertaining and provocative way.

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Inferno	★★
Moonlight	★★★★
The Handmaiden	★★★★
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Horror legends talk about Halloween

For many, Halloween is so much more than dressing up with an off-the-rack costume and begging for treats, it's a celebration of the changing of the season and of embracing that dark, weird and wonderful side of us. Metro celebrates the magic of this macabre holiday with some of our favorite famous friends in fright: directors Stuart Gordon, Gabriel Carrier, George A. Romero and actress Barbara Steele. Here, these titans of terror share with us their warmest memories of Halloweens past. **CHRIS ALEXANDER** METRO CANADA

Barbara Steele

Actress: Black Sunday, 8 ½, Shivers

"I was filming a movie in Austria in an ancient mining town at night, when the director asked all the extras to be naked other than their boots and little lamps on their heads. The weather was freezing and it was snowing fiercely and they refused so he tore off all his clothes as a challenge. As I walked home alone from set, suddenly an army of motor bikes came roaring by with everyone on them dressed as skeletons. They got off their bikes and danced around me in a circle holding hands, then took off their masks and made weird shrieks and whistle while I continued walking in this strange medieval village surrounded by ghosts..."

Stuart Gordon

Director: Reanimator, From Beyond

"My favourite Halloween memory was from 1970 when we were the resident theatre company at a Chicago church and performed a Black Mass. Everyone had to give a drop of their blood into a large bubbling cauldron, which they later had to drink, and a naked woman was our altar. The Pastor had to swear his allegiance to Satan, which he loudly did. A good time was had by all..."

Gabriel Carrier

Director: The Demolisher

"Starting at a young age I was always terrified of the night before Halloween, Devil's Night. To battle this fear, my mother and I would carve pumpkins and she would roast the seeds. She told me that if I eat the seeds on Devil's Night and go to bed early, it would help me sleep and keep the ghouls away. To this day, I still carve and roast pumpkin seeds own the night before Halloween."

George A. Romero (shown in illustration)

Director: Night of the Living Dead, Dawn of the Dead

"I think I was eight or nine when I dressed up as Hopalong Cassidy and went trick-or-treating. We lived in one of those Met-Life developments in the Bronx, so I only approached residents in our eight-storey building. Those were the days of the Sharks and the Jets and, as a Latino, I was advised not to venture out onto the streets. There were 64 households in our building (8x8) and I knocked on every one of those doors. One man who lived on the top floor opened his door and said, "I don't have any candy for ya. Will ya settle for this instead?" He handed me a 10-dollar bill. Would I settle for it? Are you kidding? 10 bucks in 1948? In those days, that was real money! I'm sure that other kids knocked on that guy's door that night and I have ever since wondered if he gave them all 10 dollars. I'll never know..."

GEORGE A. ROMERO ILLUSTRATION BY RAFFI ANDERIAN

Top film frights to stream this Halloween

Hush is a horror flick that will keep you on the edge of your seat. A deaf writer must fight for her life after a masked killer shows up at her window. CONTRIBUTED

This 1973 British horror film, Legend of Hell House, follows a group of researchers who spend a week in a haunted mansion. CONTRIBUTED

HORROR

Metro picks 10 of the scariest films available from Netflix

Chris Alexander
For Metro Canada

'Tis the season to be scared! As Halloween approaches fright film fans both casual and hardcore go searching for horror and there's no better place than Netflix to find your screen screams.

This fall, the streaming service has amassed a pretty impressive wave of classic and contemporary genre films guaranteed to raise hackles and promote sleeplessness. Metro picks 10 of the most terrifying on the Netflix roster.

How many of these fine flicks have you seen?

1. Jaws (1975) A perfect film about a perfectly rude great white shark and the brave souls who try to stop its reign of toothy terror.

Steven Spielberg's breakthrough horror adventure just keeps getting better with age.

2. Re-Animator (1985) H.P. Lovecraft's tale of mad science and speaking severed heads becomes director Stuart Gordon's gory, erotic black comedy masterpiece. This is filled with plenty of zombie action and oodles of bad taste.

3. Sweeny Todd (2007) Tim Burton's blood-soaked adaptation of Steven Sondheim's cannibal barber musical just might be the director's best film.

It's certainly his goriest and the cast — including Johnny Depp and the late Alan Rickman — is truly mesmerizing.

4. The Babadook (2014) Parents at the end of their ropes will get an extra shiver from this tale of a stressed out single mom under siege from a black hearted boogeyman. Chilling stuff.

5. We Are What We Are (2013) The American remake of the acclaimed Mexican indie shocker is even better; a dark, bloody tale of a murderous cannibal clan who are falling apart.

Artfully made and truly terrifying.

6. The Fury (1978) Brian De Palma's outrageous horror thriller pits psychics against each other with explosive results.

Worth it for the crazed final shot alone and a great macho performance by Kirk Douglas.

7. Hush (2015) One of the greatest home invasion horror films ever made helmed by one of the greatest modern horror directors, Mike Flanagan, whose Ouija: Origin of Evil is currently haunting theaters.

This is a simple, smart and stylish shocker.

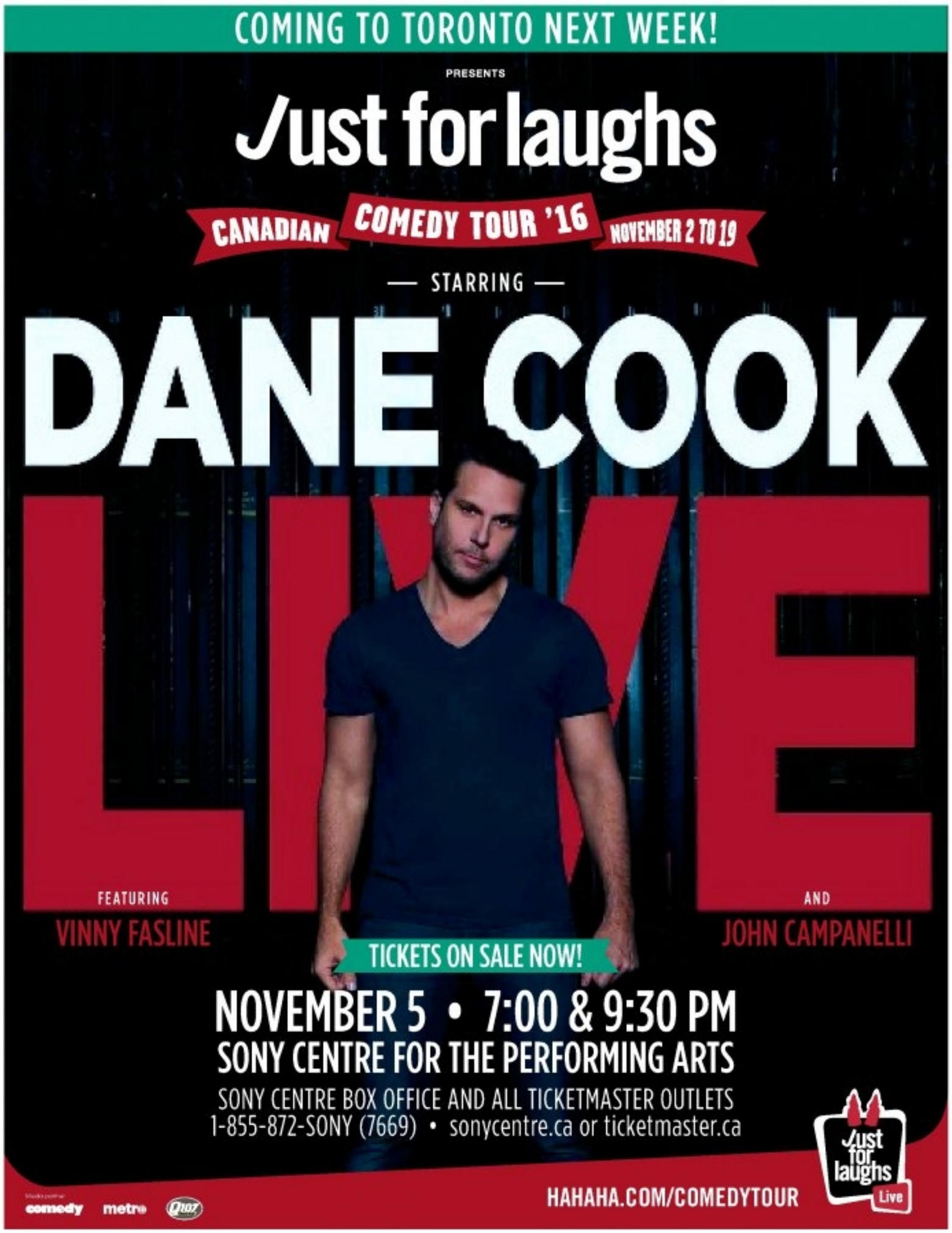
8. Hellbound: Hellraiser II (1988) This atmospheric and wildly gory sequel to Clive Barker's 1987 sex and death classic is arguably even better than the first instalment, with incredible make-up FX, surreal sequences and a majestic Christopher Young score.

9. The Legend of Hell House (1973) Moody and intelligent adaption of Richard Matheson's chilling novel Hell House is rightfully regarded as one of the best haunted house films of all time.

If you're looking for maximum fright, watch it all alone at home with all of the lights off.

10. The Fly (1958) The original sci-fi/horror classic is in essence a tragedy, with a scientist fighting a losing battle with his humanity after a botched experiment leaves him with the head of an insect.

An early Vincent Price horror role and a fine — often bloody — chiller that still works today.



Moonlight marks new phase for Harris

ON SCREEN

British actress talks career, women in film, new indie flick

Steve Gow
For Metro Canada

She may have starred in the Pirates of the Caribbean franchise and played Moneypenny in the past two James Bond blockbusters, but it's a small indie flick that's getting Naomie Harris truly excited.

"This movie is so beautiful and I love the way it's touching people," said the English actress about her latest feature Moonlight. "People are saying that they're looking at life in new ways; it's very rare that you get a movie that touches people as deeply as this."

Since premiering at the Toronto International Film Festival, the Barry Jenkins-directed drama following a youth trying to navigate adolescence in the slums of Miami has been winning critics and building Oscar buzz for Harris's portrayal of the protagonist's strung-out single mom.

Naomie Harris has generated critical acclaim and Oscar buzz for her portrayal of a single mom in her latest feature, which follows a youth trying to navigate adolescence in the slums of Miami. CONTRIBUTED

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"What I always look for is an amazing script that (when) I read it, it moves me as Moonlight did," said Harris about playing the maternal crack-addict. "(I like) a character that scares me because I always like to do something completely different and be challenged."

Harris largely credits sophomore auteur Jenkins for guiding her through such a tumultuous part — especially one she filmed during a three-day break from promoting Spectre. However, even more than his direction, the actress insists Jenkins's sensitive script was what really stood out.

"Hollywood has an issue for writing for women in general," said Harris, adding that a profession dominated by dudes often means an understated female perspective. However, the 40-year-old Harris is also happy to report opportunities are improving with age. "Things are always getting better and I certainly feel like I have a better quality of scripts than I ever had before."

With a filmography that stretches back to the '80s, Harris is also impressively zen when it comes to reminiscing about a storied career that includes playing everything from a voodoo witch to Winnie Mandela.

"You do the very best you can and you hope people will go and see it but I always think the right movie finds the right person at the right time," stated Harris, before making one concluding addendum. "But I do believe everybody should go see Moonlight."

TOP ROLES

- **Moneypenny:** In Spectre and Skyfall, Harris took on the renowned part of the MI6 secretary with a distinct romantic magnetism to James Bond.
- **Tia Dalma:** A voodoo queen with magical powers, Harris starred opposite Johnny Depp's Jack Sparrow in a pair of Pirates of the Caribbean pictures.
- **Winnie Madikizela-Mandela:** Harris portrayed the controversial wife of anti-apartheid-advocate Nelson Mandela in this 2013 award-winning biopic.

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Cranston relishes breaking it down

INTERVIEW

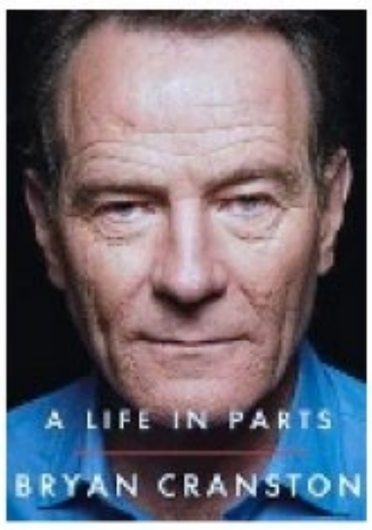
Actor's memoir confronts fears, reveals the DNA that drives him

Bryan Cranston seems so far apart from the murderous Walter White that one wonders how he was able to channel such darkness with Emmy-worthy ferocity in Breaking Bad.

But in his new memoir, A Life in Parts, Cranston details a real-life incident that helped him get in character: an unhinged ex-girlfriend who threatened his life and made him have violent thoughts about her.

"She threatened my life. She threatened to kill me and it was a constant thing and there were times when I thought I was going crazy," Cranston said of the woman (Later he married actress Robin Dearden and they've been together 27 years).

It's one of the more revelatory moments in the book, released earlier this month. The Emmy-winning, Oscar-nominated Cranston covers everything from his early childhood to his signature role on Breaking Bad to personal challenges. Cranston, 60, discussed some of those moments in a recent interview.



You write about wanting to kill your ex-girlfriend, what drove you to that?
I was flush with fear and I felt like a trapped animal and I realized that I was capable of killing someone. That experience helped me in developing Walter White in the transition that he made, because Walter had to come to terms with that himself. That he was actually a good guy, but transitioning into not such a good guy ... he was able to be honest with himself and say, "Yeah I could take another life," and that is a tough thing to say to the person in the mirror.

What made you want to write a book at this point of your career?
I am aware from an objective point that the wave, the tsunami wave that Breaking Bad created also created tremendous opportunity for me, and there is a peak and valley to careers and that includes fame. If you are lucky to ride this wave of fame to a plateau — it won't last there. I guess it is just a blue-collar work ethic that I was raised with.

In the book you talk about your dad being dissatisfied as an actor. Why follow in his footsteps?
It was in my DNA, and they were actors — my parents were both actors — so that was part of it. So really when you think about it in that sense, you're going into the family business, so it's very common. The turmoil that my dad went through, and then by extension, the kids went though, was profound and disastrous for the marriage, for the family.

In season two of Breaking Bad, Walter watches Jesse Pinkman's girlfriend die. Why did Jane's death affect you?
I had this transformative experience that is almost hallucinogenic that — that I saw the face of my real daughter, Taylor. Her face took the place of Krysten Ritter and it made me, uh, just you know, hesitate. And God it is funny — every time I retell this story or when I wrote that story in the book, there is an uneasiness in my chest 'cause I think it is my biggest fear. It is my biggest fear, something happening to a child, your child, is unfathomable.

How long do you plan on working?
When the sun is shining, make hay, because it would be sunset on my career at some point, and when it is, I want to be exhausted. I want to be done, and actually, go "I had a good run. No regrets. I'm ready to step aside." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

> **The turmoil that my dad went through, and then by extension, the kids went through was profound and disastrous.**
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Bryan Cranston says his blue-collar ethic drives him to make the most of success. CONTRIBUTED

McHale settles into cosier community

INTERVIEW

'It's all gravy,' says ex-Soup host of Indoor environment

Joel McHale isn't big on "bae," a fan of "fam," or onboard with "on fleek."

As the lead in the new sitcom The Great Indoors, which premiered Thursday on Global and CBS, the Emmy-nominated comedy star plays the supervisor of a team of millennial magazine journalists. As such, he says he doesn't have to be up on the latest slang of that generation.

"I'm the guy who's not supposed to know any of it and not understand any of it," said the 44-year-old.

"So that dynamic of my character being shoved into this world that he is unfamiliar with, and then you have Stephen Fry who is of another generation, I think that all together will make for hopefully a huge plate of carbonara pasta where you combine all these ingredients and hopefully it will work."

The 59-year-old Fry plays the founder of the adventure-geared Outdoor Limits magazine. McHale's character moves from the position of field reporter to supervisor when the publication becomes web-only.

Co-stars include Judd Apatow-favourite Christopher Mintz-Plasse, who plays the resident "tech nerd," Christine Ko as the social media expert and Shaun Brown as a "hipster-lumberjack."

The Great Indoors comes after McHale soared to fame on the satirical weekly pop-culture series The Soup and the sitcom Community, which both ended last year.

Rumours have swirled of a possible Community movie, and McHale says he's onboard — if the money comes together.

"We just need like $200 million — and if you have that, we need it," he said. "I think at one point Yahoo wanted to. I know there were rumblings about it. But then that all went away very quickly. The Yahoo streaming service disappeared. So who knows."

McHale said he was attracted to The Great Indoors because he'd been longing to do a four-camera sitcom and a workplace comedy.

"When they work, they become the American and the British Office or they become The Larry Sanders Show, or something like Mary Tyler Moore or Cheers," he said.

It also had the potential for an "endless" storyline — "a sandbox that we could play in for a long time" — unlike the other TV scripts he's read lately that seemed more like a movie with an end-point.

"You can have shows like The Nick that Steven Soderbergh directed. He was like, "I'm directing a nine-hour movie,'" said McHale.

"(TV) also is the place where, it's basically where you do independent films now, because they have the money and the flexibility to do it. But movie companies, it's becoming gigantic budget films and very small-budget films and not much in between. Although, I just did a Netflix movie and they had a $20 million budget, which is unheard of," added McHale, referring to A Futile and Stupid Gesture.

McHale said he feels "blessed" that he's on something that got on the air. While it's hard to make a successful series, he also looks to his family and world issues for perspective.

"I always say my older brother is an electrician and he spends the day trying not to electrocute himself while wiring buildings," said McHale. "And my little brother is an Episcopal priest who sits in hospitals and helps old people onto the next life.

"So we talk about, 'Oh, this was a difficult thing to shoot and this was a hard thing to do.' I'm like, 'Yeah, I guess. I'm not in a dinghy in the Mediterranean trying to start a new life for my family because I'm leaving my war-torn home.' So it's all relative.

"I'm being paid well to try to make people laugh, and so it's all gravy."

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Joel McHale is keen on a Community movie. GETTY IMAGES

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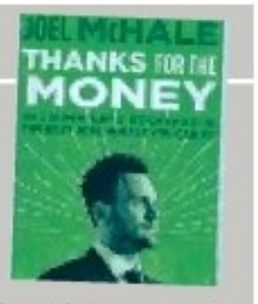
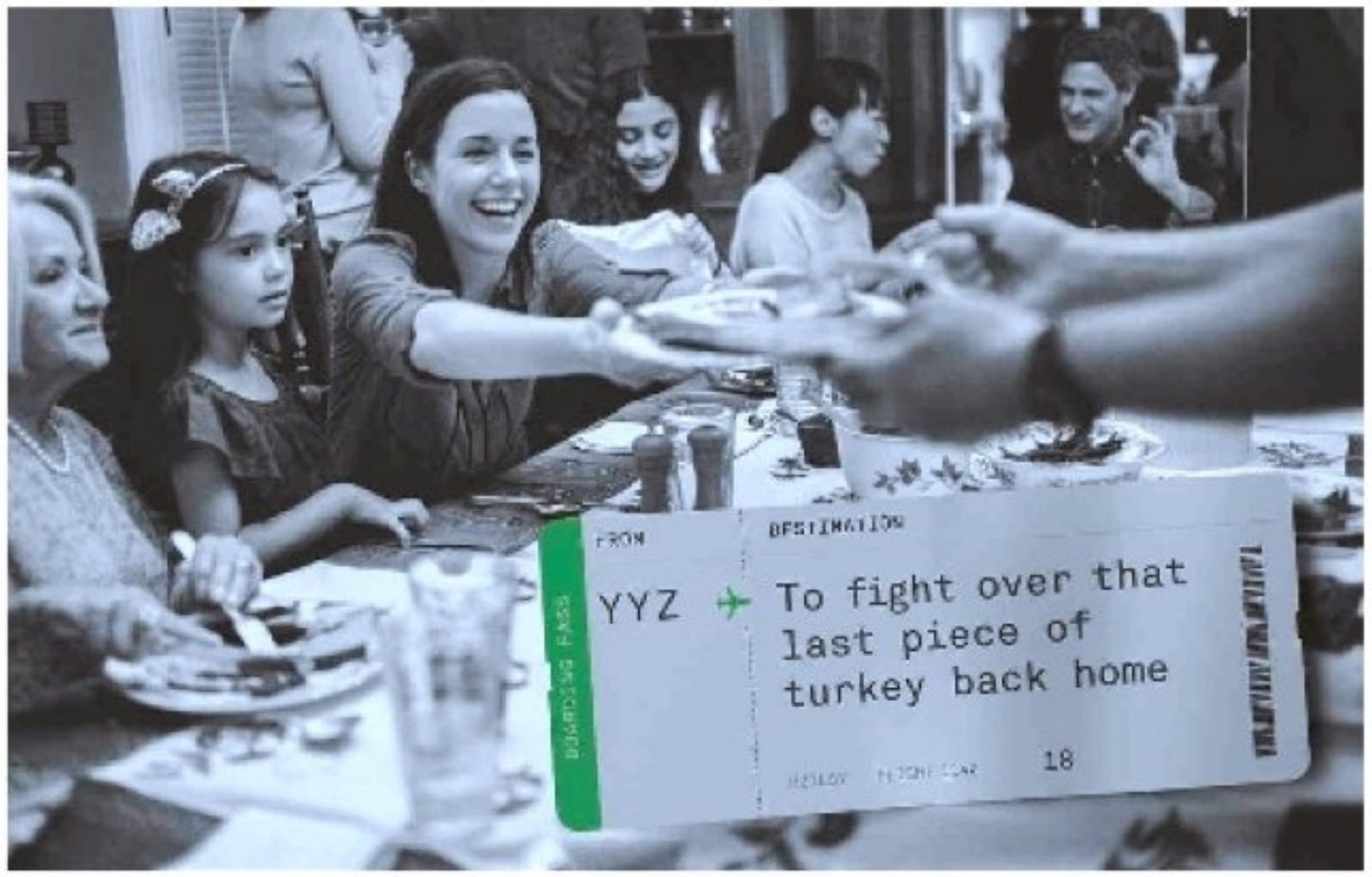


Joel's page-turner is not a hair-raiser

When thinking of Joel McHale, some may immediately conjure images of the cult classic Community. Others may know him as the super-sarcastic host of The Soup.

In Thanks For the Money, McHale is quick to point out that how you know about him is irrelevant — as long as you admit his luscious locks are not a hairpiece. He invites readers to use his experience as a somewhat famous person to be the best household name they can be. He writes about how famous people diet and explains the task of choosing a celebrity feud that's right for you. McHale takes everyday scenarios and twists them into witty and relatable life lessons. The book is smart, honest and clever. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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On the trail of ghosts in NY State

HALLOWEEN

Spooky spots reveal ghost hunting is just like fishing

Jennifer Bain
Torstar News Service

The Sylvan Beach Amusement Park is among the haunted haunts you can visit. SYLVAN BEACH AMUSEMENT PARK

Casper Cop chucks coins across the darkened Treasureland arcade at the Sylvan Beach Amusement Park and lets them ricochet on the ancient wooden floor.

"It's James. I've got a friend here who'd like to meet you. I've got recorders going. You gonna do something for us? We'd really love to meet you."

Casper Cop is private investigator James Pendell by profession and ghost hunter by passion. He has a seasonal gig leading the Park After Dark Ghost Tours.

"I've got a penny," Pendell says cajolingly to the darkness. "Will you throw it back to me? Where's my little girl?"

A prankster spirit child sometimes tosses the coins back or jingles them. She's one of the many ghosts said to roam this paranormal paradise in a vintage amusement park.

Pendell's tours start just as the park is closing and continue when he has the place to himself for several spooky hours, making for a "high freakout factor."

He has earned one of 65 spots on the Haunted History Trail of New York State, which launched three years ago and keeps adding places such as creepy inns, parks, theatres, museums, restaurants and cemeteries, offering ghost stories, tours and hunts.

Ghost hunters use Maglites (a type of flashlight), cameras, dowsing rods, video recorders, audio records, electronic voice phenomena recorders and other tools to communicate with the spirit world.

You don't have to be a true believer to be captivated by the haunted trail.

Fans of shows like Ghost Hunters, Ghost Adventures, Haunted Collector and Scariest Places on Earth are drawn to it. So are the merely "paranormal curious."

"Could you do something for us today?" Pendell pleads with his prankster spirit. "I've got a penny. Will you throw it back to me?"

Not tonight. We hunt in other dark, empty buildings, inviting the spirits to play knocking games, mess with salt and pepper shakers, and manipulate flashlights, but nobody wants to play.

"People say when I die I'm going to haunt this place, and I say I just might — the legend of Casper Cop." (Note: The park has just decided to put its ghost hunts on hold, so look for Pendell through his website.)

Ghost hunting is often likened to fishing. Sometimes the fish bite like mad and sometimes they don't, but fishing is so pleasurable it hardly matters.

I spent three days driving New York's haunted trail, visited 12 spots, met countless characters, such as Pendell, and embarked on five ghost hunts. Did I see, hear, feel or photograph a ghost? Not definitively.

At the Historic Palmyra Wm. Phelps General Store/Palmyra Museum, executive director Bonnie Hays tries to communicate with a girl named Holly who died in a fire with her mom and five siblings.

We sit in the parlour where Holly likes to hide under a table with a basket of toys, but she pretty much ignores our overtures. Eventually someone else seems to reach out via the Maglite we set out.

With these small flashlights, you rotate the heads until they illuminate, twist them back to the barely off position and put them on a flat surface. Ask yes or no questions and the spirits just might answer by flashing the lights.

At the Naples Hotel in the Finger Lakes, innkeeper Dominick Gallo also favours the Maglite approach.

"I know you're here. Could you please give us a sign? Turn on one of the flashlights. Please don't skunk me tonight." (Getting skunked is a fishing term for when you don't catch anything.)

Gallo instructs us to take pictures, especially in the corners of haunted guest rooms, and look at them later to see if we caught any orbs, figures or faces. We didn't. But the spirits do finally respond when we settle in Gallo's office.

"If you're a male spirit, can you please turn the flashlight on for me?" Gallo pleads.

Nothing.

"If you're a female spirit, please turn the flashlight on for me?"

Nothing.

"If this is the kids, can you please turn the flashlight on? Touch somebody? Give another sign you're here."

Nothing.

"Are you bothered? If we're bothering you, please turn the flashlight on."

The light flashes.

He interprets the subsequent erratic series of flashlight bursts as meaning two spirits, one strong and one weak, are taking turns communicating.

Jennifer Bain was hosted by the Haunted History Trail of New York State and its partners, none of which reviewed or approved this story.

IF YOU GO

The Haunted History Trail of New York State (hauntedhistorytrail.com) boasts 65 stops across 13 counties in New York state.

DESTINATIONS

Canada tops Lonely Planet's must-visits

Canada has been named Lonely Planet's destination of the year for 2017. Colombia and Finland were rated second and third respectively in Lonely Planet's Best in Travel 2017 guide, hitting bookstores Tuesday.

Reasons cited to visit Canada were next year's "elongated birthday party," with the country celebrating 150 years since Confederation, and a weak Canadian dollar pushing down prices, giving visitors "plenty of pocket money to spend on Canada's exciting fusion food and mysteriously underrated wine."

On Canada Day, the guide tells visitors to "expect 2017's parades, ceremonies and parties to be particularly memorable."

Lonely Planet says the top three regions to visit in 2017 are Choquequirao, Peru; Taranaki, New Zealand; and Azores, Portugal.

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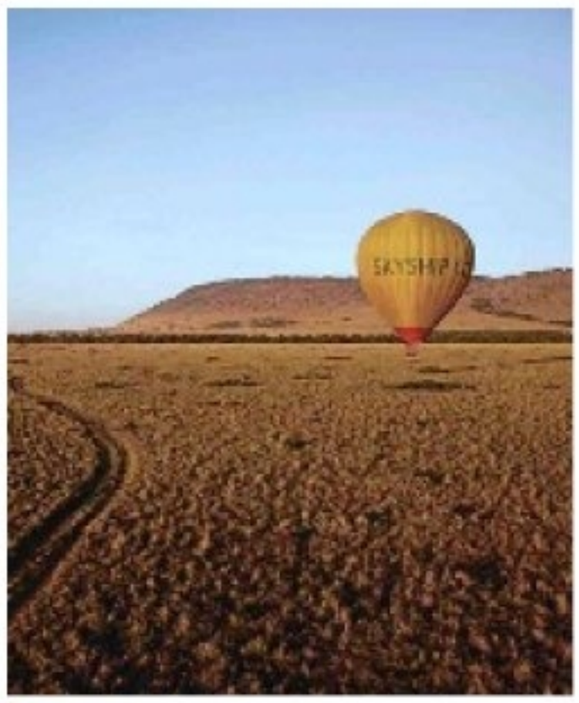
Canada (1st), Colombia (2nd) and Finland (3rd) are Lonely Planet's top destinations for 2017. ISTOCK IMAGES

3 REASONS TO VISIT THE MAASAI MARA

With multiple parks in Kenya ideal for a safari, the Maasai Mara National Game Reserve is by far the most famous, and for good reason. Sharing a border with Tanzania, it covers over 1500 square kilometers and there is much to explore. **LANCE MCMILLAN/FOR METRO**

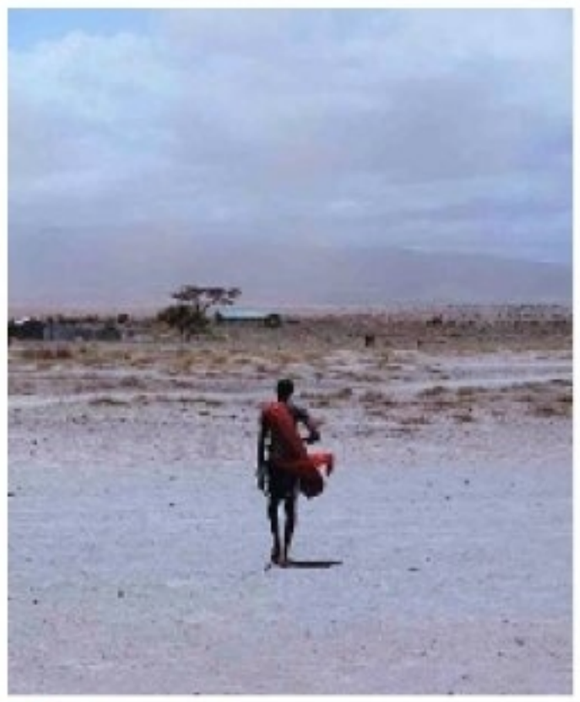
1 Game drives

First and foremost, there is a plethora of wildlife to be seen. In addition to what is known as the Big Five — a group of animals including the African elephant, African leopard, rhino, Cape buffalo, and African lion, there are so many other animals worth seeking out and this is the place for it.



2 Hot air balloon

Not only is this ideal for observing wildlife from above, but you get an incredible view of the expansive landscape that makes up this amazing place. And if you've never been on a hot air balloon, it's a great experience in and of itself. This is typically followed by a champagne breakfast out in the middle of the Mara — wherever the hot air balloon may happen to land. This also allows you to traverse areas you may not be able to get to on a game drive.



3 The Maasai

If you need a break from wildlife viewing, a visit to a Maasai tribe, the ethnic group for which the Maasai Mara is partly named, is a must. Villages are located throughout southern Kenya, as well as in northern Tanzania, and many openly welcome visitors — you may likely be greeted upon your arrival with a jumping ceremony.

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TRAVEL NOTES THE PAPAL APARTMENT, A PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT AND A NEW QUR'AN DISPLAY

Vatican City vacancy

Now this is an open house: The Vatican is opening the private apartment at the Castel Gandolfo papal summer retreat to the public, giving visitors a rare look at the bed where Popes Pius XII and Paul VI died and where John Paul II recovered from the 1981 assassination attempt. Pope Francis has declined to use the unit, meaning that the 55-hectare (135-acre) estate in the Alban hills south of Rome is increasingly being opened to the public.

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Castel Gandolfo. GETTY IMAGES

Vancouver exhibit

The Vancouver Art Gallery is set to open what it says is the most comprehensive exhibition of work by the influential American photographer Walker Evans ever shown in Canada. Walker Evans: Depth of Field features more than 200 photos from the 1920s to the '70s. Many of them have become iconic, made in the U.S. during the Great Depression. The show runs from Oct. 29 to Jan. 22. Gallery director Kathleen Bartels said Evans' work holds "a special significance" in Vancouver.

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Walker Evans. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Qur'an in D.C.

Two consecutive pages of this Qur'an will be on display during the show The Art of the Qur'an: Treasures from the Museum of Turkish and Islamic Arts,[ao] which opens Saturday at the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery. The sprawling pages, each measuring 5 feet by 7 feet, with rows of calligraphy standing 8 to 9 inches high, date from about 1400. Curator Massumeh Farhad says these pages reference the feared nomadic conqueror, Timur, who ruled a huge empire based in central Asia.

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Sackler gallery. GETTY IMAGES

Saint Catherine's Day is still sweet

MONTREAL

Holiday is less popular but toffee pulling keeps tugging

Dressed in 17th century clothing, Maude Laferriere poses at Maison Saint-Gabriel in Montreal. For generations of Quebec children, Saint Catherine's Day was the sweetest of the year — marked by community gatherings and turning gooey molasses into pulled taffy. THE CANADIAN PRESS/GRAHAM HUGHES

For generations of Quebec children, Saint Catherine's Day was the sweetest of the year — marked by community gatherings and turning gooey molasses into pulled taffy.

With the Roman Catholic Church's gradual decline, however, the celebrations meant to honour Catherine, considered the patron saint of girls and unmarried women, have also cooled off.

But while most elementary school children no longer get to spend an afternoon pulling warm buttery taffy into golden strands, some Quebecers are keeping the Nov. 25 holiday alive.

"At one time it was as big as Halloween," says Madeleine Juneau, general manager at Maison Saint-Gabriel, a Montreal history museum that hosts festivities to celebrate the occasion.

In previous decades, schools would mark the day with a party with taffy pulls and hat-making contests.

The night before, townspeople would get together for food, music and dancing.

Women who reached the age of 25 without being married were designated "old maids" or "Catherinettes" and had to wear an outlandish bonnet as they were teased about their inability to find a husband. Juneau says the festivities were also a chance for young women to attract husbands by offering them candy to showcase their culinary skills.

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> Madeleine Juneau, general manager, Maison Saint-Gabriel

"It's an extraordinary holiday, and we want people to relive it," she said.

On Nov. 20, their Saint Catherine's Day festivities will include traditional music, storytellers, and taffy-making demonstrations by women dressed as Kings Wards - young French women recruited to move to New France to serve as potential brides for settlers.

The namesake of the day is Catherine of Alexandria, who, according to legend, was beheaded in the early fourth century for refusing to marry a Roman emperor.

But Quebec's candy-making tradition is traced to Marguerite Bourgeoys, a nun and educator who used to make taffy to entice her young students to come to the school she founded in 1658.

The Maison Saint-Gabriel, a 300-year-old farmhouse once purchased by Bourgeoys, has committed to keeping the tradition alive as part of its mission to educate visitors on life in Quebec in the 17th to 19th centuries.

Although public celebrations have largely fallen by the wayside, the tradition lives on in some Quebec kitchens.

In the east of the province, a group of 40 women — and a few men — from Sayabec are preparing to boil, pull and cut 25,000 pieces of the candy using the traditional recipe of molasses, sugar, corn syrup, butter and baking soda.

Marielle Roy, the president of the women's group who organizes the event, said she, like most others, first learned the technique from her mother.

Now, she says, the group does it as a fundraiser and for the pleasure of carrying on a tradition.

"November, it seems like a sad month, so to get together as a group of women does us good," she said. "It warms the heart."

The annual event, which includes a community bingo night, is included on the Quebec culture minister's list of "intangible cultural heritage."

Because so few people are carrying on the day's tradition, Juneau says she gives out the recipe to Maison Saint-Gabriel visitors.

She explains how the candy is made in the hopes they'll try it at home with their kids.

"This is something that will be lost if we don't pass on the knowledge,"

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A doormat no more

MLS

Toronto FC finally on the right side of history

When Toronto FC made history in the past, it was usually all bad.

Manager Ryan Nelsen complained in 2013 of inheriting "probably the worst put-together squad in the history of the league." Then there was star striker Danny Koevermans who lamented being part of "setting a record for the worst team in the world" as Toronto opened the 2012 MLS season with a record-setting nine straight losses.

Koevermans, to his credit, scored the goal that finally ended the record slide. But the franchise finished the 2012 season from hell on a 13-game winless streak, bumbling to a franchise-worst 5-21-8 record.

"A lot of times this year the players were just like laughing after the game. You lose the games and they don't care," goalkeeper Milos Kocic said bitterly.

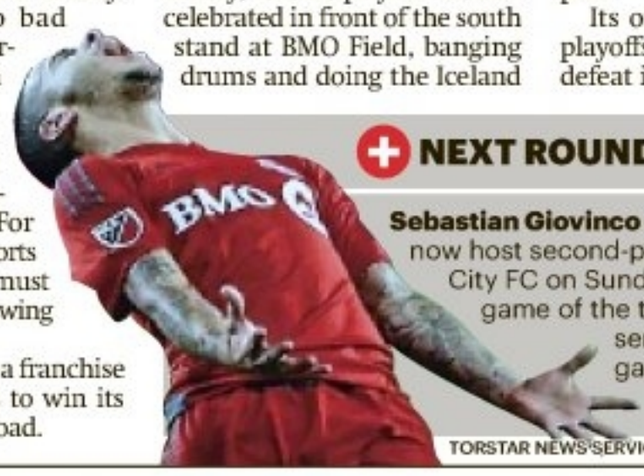
Toronto was so bad that year that in order to prevent season ticket-holders from abandoning ship in 2013, it rolled back prices to 2007 inaugural-season levels. For owner Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment, it must have been like swallowing a bowling ball.

Remember this is a franchise that took five years to win its 10th game on the road.

Toronto FC captain Michael Bradley bangs on a drum in celebration of the team's playoff victory over the Philadelphia Union at BMO Field on Wednesday night. MARK BLINCH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

But now the former MLS doormat is making news for all the right reasons. On Wednesday, Toronto players and fans celebrated in front of the south stand at BMO Field, banging drums and doing the Iceland clap in the wake of Toronto's first ever win in the post-season — a 3-1 decision over Philadelphia.

Its only other foray in the playoffs was a humiliating 3-0 defeat in Montreal last season.



NEXT ROUND

Sebastian Giovinco and the Reds will now host second-place New York City FC on Sunday in the opening game of the two-legged Eastern semifinal. The second game will be played in New York on Nov. 6.

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For captain Michael Bradley, Wednesday night's win was a taste of things to come for players and fans alike.

"We leave everything on the field for the badge and for the club and for you guys," he said, referencing the team's supporters. "You guys, as we've said, make an atmosphere that makes a difference for us. And if you continue to help us and we continue to leave everything on the field for you guys, then it's only going to get more fun."

The Philadelphia Union are not exactly Barcelona and one playoff win does not a dynasty make. Tougher challenges await in the playoffs, starting with New York City FC this Sunday. The Eastern Conference-leading New York Red Bulls likely lie in wait down the line — and that's just to get out of the East.

It has taken 324 regular-season matches and nine managers to get here. Not to mention a few players.

Today Toronto has the best designated players money can buy — Bradley, Sebastian Giovinco and Jozy Altidore will earn a combined $18.48 million US this season according to figures released by the MLS Players Union.

> **"We're going to be a difficult team to beat."**
> Drew Moor

They, in turn, have drawn other talent north of the border, leading to a playoff party that has finally begun.

"It's fun to watch, I'll tell you that much," veteran defender Drew Moor said of Toronto's designated players. "I can't watch too much of it because I have to be organizing behind the ball. But it's one of the main reasons I came here — to play with guys like Sebastian Giovinco and Jozy Altidore and Michael Bradley. That's just a short list of the great players on this team.

"When your big players turn in performances like that and all the role players step up as well, we're going to be a difficult team to beat."

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NHL

Andersen rebounds from forgettable outing

Mitch Marner dished out three assists and Frederik Andersen bounced back from a horrid showing as the Toronto Maple Leafs won their second game this season, topping the Florida Panthers 3-2 on Thursday night.

Marner set up Tyler Bozak for a pair of goals and also helped James van Riemsdyk find the scoresheet. Andersen, who gave up a career-worst seven goals on Tuesday evening, stopped 29 of 31 shots for Toronto (2-2-3).

Jonathan Marchessault had both goals for the Panthers

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(3-3-1). Roberto Luongo made 25 saves.

Andersen was under the microscope heading into the game after another rough start two nights earlier against the Lightning (seven goals on 24 shots). But he responded as Leafs coach Mike Babcock would've hoped.

Though he surrendered the game's opening goal to Marchessault, on which he had no chance, the 27-year-old came up with a number of fine stops early. He turned aside former Leaf Greg McKegg on a breakaway as well as Colton Sceviour later in the period, the Florida winger outmanoeuvring Jake Gardiner for a chance in the slot.

Andersen entered the night having allowed at least four goals in four of five starts.

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Maple Leafs goalie Frederik Andersen was in fine form Thursday with 29 saves. RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

IN BRIEF

Impact knock out D.C.
Montreal's Matteo Mancosu had a pair of goals and the Impact dominated D.C. United for a 4-2 victory in the knockout round of the MLS Cup playoffs Thursday night.

Laurent Ciman and Ignacio Piatti also scored for Montreal, which hosts the New York Red Bulls in the Eastern Conference semifinals on Sunday. The Red Bulls won the regular season series 2-1 with both victories coming at home.

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Lindholm's holdout with Ducks comes to an end
The Anaheim Ducks have signed holdout defenceman Hampus Lindholm to a six-year, $31.5-million contract.

The Ducks announced the end of the stalemate Thursday. Lindholm is arguably the Ducks' top young defenceman, scoring 92 points in 236 games over the past three seasons while honing his two-way game.

The 22-year-old has been working out daily at home with a Swedish Elite League team. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Howard a beast on the boards in Hawks' opener
Dwight Howard dominated the boards in his Atlanta debut, Paul Millsap scored 28 points and Tim Hardaway Jr. ignited the new-look Hawks to a 114-99 victory over the Washington Wizards in their season opener Thursday night.

Howard grabbed 19 rebounds to go along with 11 points, just what the Hawks expected from their new centre.

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Crosby leads Pens to victory with clutch goal
Sidney Crosby scored the tiebreaking goal late in the third period to lead the Pittsburgh Penguins to a 4-2 victory over the New York Islanders on Thursday night.

Patric Hornqvist, Evgeni Malkin and Phil Kessel also scored to help the Penguins win for the third time in four games and improve to 5-0-1 at home.

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Cubs determined to beat the curse

MLB

World Series in Wrigley for first time in 71 years

Chicago Cubs slugger Kyle Schwarber was followed by fans with cameras and cellphones. A couple of Cleveland pitchers played hacky sack in the outfield.

So, no, nothing like the last World Series at Wrigley Field.

The Fall Classic returns to one of baseball's iconic ballparks on Friday when Chicago and Cleveland face off in Game 3 after splitting the first two nights in chilly Cleveland. It's the first World Series game at Wrigley since Hall of Famer Hank Greenberg helped the Detroit Tigers to a 9-3 victory in Game 7 on October 10, 1945 .

The expectation is, well, even more bedlam than usual. The Cubs, seeking their first championship in 108 years, played in front of packed, frenzied crowds for much of the season, and even Cleveland are looking forward to the scene.

"Tomorrow's going to be unbelievable," Cleveland slugger Mike Napoli said. "I watched when they clinched to go to the World Series and how crazy it was and seeing the fans in the streets where they had to have police escorts. You could just see the crowd just part ways.

"So it's going to be fun. It's something that I wanted to be a part of, and thought that it would be an unbelievable World Series," he said.

It's been pretty great so far, and it's only getting started.

Corey Kluber pitched Cleveland to a 6-0 win on Tuesday, striking out nine in a dazzling performance. After Josh Tomlin makes his third playoff start in the Wrigley opener, Kluber looms over Game 4 on Saturday night on short rest.

The Cubs returned to Chicago on a high after working over Cleveland's pitching staff in a 5-1 victory Wednesday night. Trevor Bauer lasted just 3 2/3 innings, beginning a parade to the mound that included six relievers and a total of 196 pitches.

"That was the plan, to get at least one over there and bring it back home," second baseman Javier Baez said. "Everybody is excited to be here in Chicago. Everybody has been waiting for this moment."

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The Cubs' Kyle Schwarber hits an RBI single against Cleveland during Game 2 of the World Series on Wednesday night. CHARLIE RIEDEL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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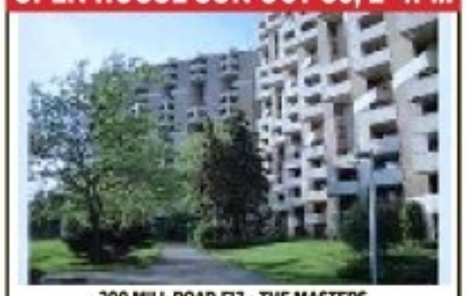

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Differing styles of dealing with kickers

NFL

Coaches react in opposite ways to missed kicks in 6-6 draw

Steve Hauschka of the Seahawks missed a potential game-winning field goal in the dying seconds of overtime against the Cardinals last Sunday. NORM HALL/GETTY IMAGES

The aftermath of the first NFL tie since 2014 became a study in the delicate psyche of kickers, and how they are handled by their coaches.

Last Sunday's 6-6 tie between Seattle and Arizona was remarkable from many aspects. One of the lasting memories were the reactions from Arizona coach Bruce Arians and Seattle coach Pete Carroll to a pair of short missed field goals in overtime that could have won the game for either team.

Arizona's Chandler Catanzaro had a 24-yard field goal clang off the left upright, and minutes later Seattle's Steve Hauschka pulled a 28-yard attempt wide left. Then came the reactions, and a study in how two coaches seeking the same goal took differing tones. Arians was gruff, Carroll was supportive.

Arians on Catanzaro: "Make it. This is professional, this ain't high school, baby. You get paid to make it." Carroll on Hauschka: "He made his kicks to give us a chance, and unfortunately he didn't make the last one. He's been making kicks for years around here ... but he's gonna hit a lot of winners as we go down the road here. I love him and he's our guy." Two divergent reactions, all with the same goal of getting their kickers to be better. "It means a lot to me," Hauschka said this week. "Coach is incredible. He is the reason that this team is so good and why this whole atmosphere up here in Seattle is so positive. And it all starts with him. I couldn't ask for a better head coach."

> **Those are two great kickers, and they'll be fine.**
> Vikings kicker Blair Walsh

Catanzaro, however, was already drawing the ire of his head coach before the OT miss. A bad snap led to his missed field goal that would have beaten New England in the season opener.

And while Arians said he still fully supports Catanzaro, he expressed it in an acerbic way.

"The kicker just needs to kick it through the two poles and we'd be 5-2," he said. Minnesota's Blair Walsh didn't watch the game Sunday night, but he sure knew how Catanzaro and Hauschka were feeling afterward. Walsh missed a 27-yard field goal last January that kept the Vikings from beating the Seahawks in the first round of the playoffs.

"Those are two great kickers, and they'll be fine," Walsh said. "I know both of those guys will have great years, and shouldn't worry." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CANADIAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

$37M more invested into Own the Podium

The Canadian Olympic Committee said Thursday it is renewing its commitment to high-performance sport by investing $37 million in funding over the next four years through the Own The Podium program.

Chris Overholt TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The funding amount is consistent with the amount the COC invested in the previous quadrennial. Canada won 22 medals last summer at the Rio Olympics: four gold, three silver and 15 bronze.

"We've made some investments along the way and as we heard today and as we've seen first-hand in Rio, those investments are working," COC chief executive officer Chris Overholt said. "But the competitive landscape just continues to go up so we've got to keep our focus on maximizing our investment in sport."

The COC also announced it will commit $16 million in new funding for the growth and development of the next generation of Olympians, an amount that will be matched by the federal government. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NEXT UP

The 2018 Winter Olympics will be held in Pyeongchang, South Korea. Tokyo will host the next Summer Games in 2020.

IN BRIEF

Medal upgrade on cards for Canuck weightlifter Girard

An Olympic medal upgrade for Christine Girard is a reality with the official stripping of the gold from her Kazakh competitor Maiya Maneza. But there could be a step up the podium in store for the Canadian weightlifter.

The International Olympic Committee told Maneza she must give up the gold after testing positive for a banned steroid. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ex-NFLer sentenced in attempted sex assault case

A Nevada judge sentenced former NFL star Darren Sharper on Thursday to as many as eight years in prison for attempted sexual assault in Las Vegas as part of a four-state plea deal that could keep him behind bars for nearly two decades.

The charges stem from a 2014 incident where two women said Sharper drugged them. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Ready in 20 minutes
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Makes 2 sandwiches

Ingredients
- 4 slices of sourdough or wholegrain bread
- 2 tsp garlic butter
- 1/2 cup ricotta cheese
- 4 basil leaves, torn into small pieces
- 2 slices mozzerella cheese
- 16 to 20 slices of pepperoni
- 2 slices fontina cheese
- Extra virgin olive oil

Directions

1. Preheat a skillet over medium heat with a drizzle of olive oil.

2. Butter one side of each slice of bread. Place pieces of bread butter side down on a clean surface or cutting board. In a small bowl, mix ricotta with basil pieces. Spread one slice of bread with about a tablespoon of ricotta. Place one slice of mozzarella on ricotta cheese. Now place a layer of 8 to 10 pieces of pepperoni down. Lay a slice of fontina on other slice of bread. Close sandwich and place in skillet.

3. Grill until lightly browned and then flip over; continue grilling until cheese is melted and gooey. Repeat for second sandwich.

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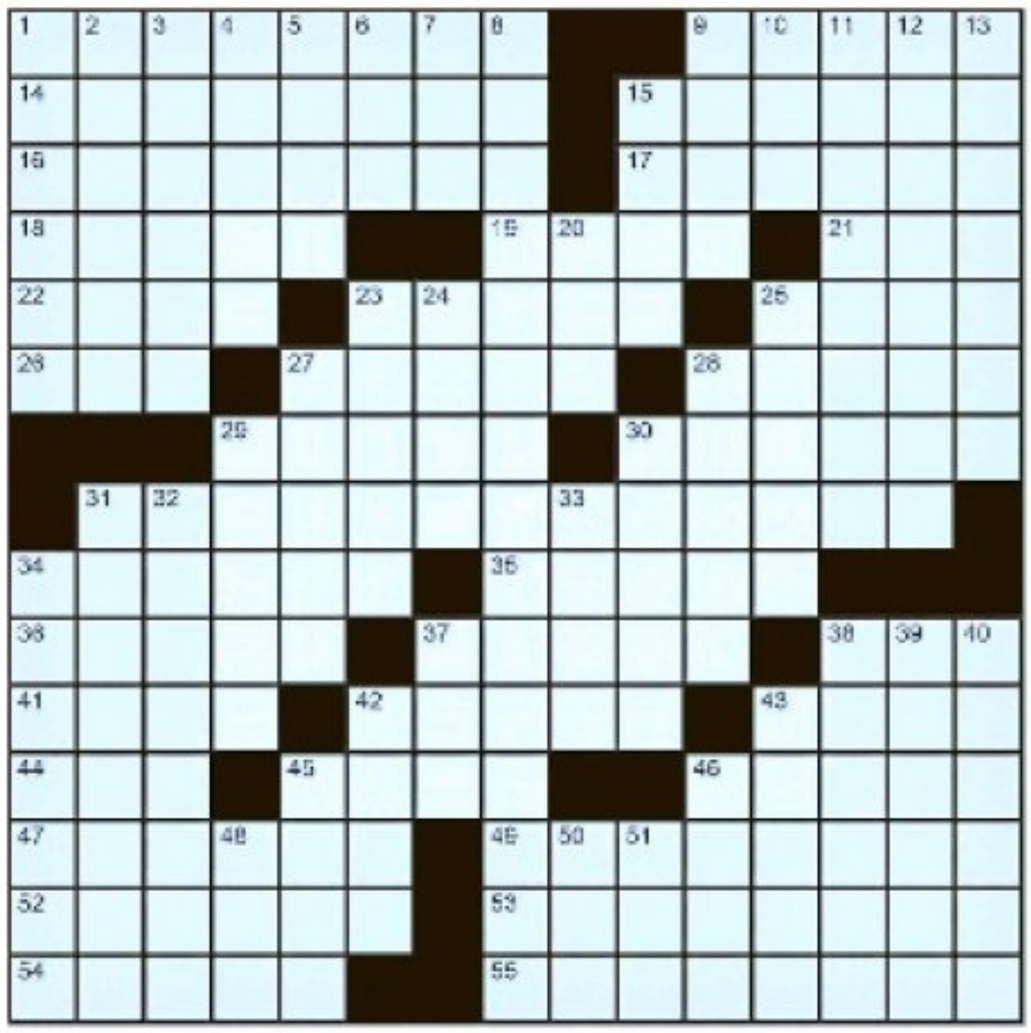

ACROSS
1. Oboe
9. Devilish dude
14. Super happy
15. Epoch when ancestors of the modern horse appeared
16. In _ (Without being present, Latin-style)
17. Really is reluctant
18. Church members
19. American astronaut Sally
21. Soak flax
22. Scandinavian tale
23. The way a fox would do something
25. Compete in a logrolling event
26. Ms. Wallace of "Cujo" (1983)
27. Duck's doctor?
28. Jumpy
29. TV feed's sound
30. _ peanuts
31. Joe Flaherty starred as Dr. Fred Edison on what early 1990s Sci-Fi comedy series?: 2 wds.
34. Ontario's Trent-_ Waterway
35. Furious
36. Arctic boat
37. Suffix to 'Land'
38. Seasonal bug
41. Shakespeare King
42. Owed obligations
43. Capital of Valais, in Switzerland
44. Mountain explosive, commonly
45. Swanky transport
46. Some kicks of the football
47. Repents
49. Facing
52. "There's time still.": 2 wds.
53. 1883's history-making volcano of Indonesia
54. Supporting coaches, for short
55. Most tranquil

DOWN
1. Went from unwell to well
2. Song of dawn
3. 1980 Diana Ross chart-topper: "_ Down"
4. Greek alphabet's 8th letter
5. Skeleton's characteristic
6. Smidgeon of lunch
7. Installment in the 'Halloween' horror franchise
8. Tales from the Crypt printed fare: 3 wds.
9. Huffy
10. Champion
11. Sternly scold: 2 wds.
12. Big surname in fairytales
13. Snug
15. Guitar great Duane
20. Variety
23. Where Khartoum is the capital
24. Secular
25. Contradict
27. Eccentricity
28. Preference
29. 'Close by', in verse
30. Breaks branches
31. Sentimental souvenirs
32. Canadian History... Marion Orr and J.A.D. McCurdy: 2 wds.
33. "How now, _ _?" - Hamlet
34. Seedless grape variety
37. Theological sch.
38. Limited/measurable
39. Instant millionaires have won 'em
40. Remove from power, as in politics
42. Recipe's result
43. Lazy _ (Kitchen cupboard upgrade)
45. Not as much
46. _ around (Do some of a sleuth's work)
48. Pecan or cashew
50. Prior to
51. Golfing standard

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Avoid arguments with authority figures today, because things are just too unpredictable! If you think you see problems coming, give your boss a wide berth.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
This is an unpredictable day, so be very careful. Travel plans will be canceled or rescheduled. This also is an accident-prone day. Use caution!

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Make friends with your bank account, because something unexpected might affect your finances. Surprises related to shared property and inheritances could catch you off guard.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Be patient and diplomatic with partners and close friends in order to avoid fights today. Everything is up for grabs!

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
This is an accident-prone day at work. Computer crashes and equipment breakdowns will interrupt your day. Allow extra time for wiggle room.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
This is an accident-prone day for your kids, so be vigilant. This also is a very dicey day for romantic relationships. Be patient with everyone.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Domestic strife might occur today, because chaos on the home front puts your nerves on edge. Small appliances might break down, and minor breakages could occur. Have patience.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
This is an accident-prone day, so be careful. Think carefully before you speak or do anything. Things will not unfold the way you expect them to.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Keep an eye on your possessions and assets today. You might find money, or you might lose money. Guard your possessions against loss, theft or breakage.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You feel impulsive and impatient today. Don't let your lack of patience get you in trouble. Easy does it.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You are unsettled today. You feel as if you're waiting for the other shoe to drop. That's because today is a bit of a crapshoot, and everyone feels it.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
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CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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